

# Little League Loses Bid for Playing Site in Park

EVERY SUNDAY AND THURSDAY

Your Complete Community Newspaper

## Torrance Herald

OFFICE AND PLANT AT 1619 GRAMERCY AVE., TORRANCE

INDEX

Ann Landers	10	Editorials	4
Armed Forces	16	Society	9-10
Comics	12	Sports	6-7
Crossword	4	Star Gazer	4
Death Notices	2	Want Ads	12-15

Year—No. 9

★ ★

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 1960

10¢ Per Copy

# AUTO HITS MOTHER, DAUGHTER

### A Penny

for your Thoughts

Five people in Torrance were asked this question: for today's column. "What do you think of the new 'one-eyed' traffic signals now in use on Torrance Blvd?"

George McLeod, 1218 El Prado Street, parking lot attendant: "I don't think the old lantern type lights are so bad, but the new 'one-eyed' signals will be an improvement, at that. I do think that the other traffic lights should be the same. They should be uniform."

Paul Mandel, 1436 Marcelina Ave., insurance broker: "I don't like this type of signal. It would be much better if the complete signal units were down on the sides where a driver can see them. This new signal won't be of any help if there are cars along side so they can't be seen."

Jack McVicar, 2120 Gramercy Ave., retired: "I think these new signals are a good idea, although I do wish they would standardize the traffic lights here in Torrance. Different kinds of lights around the city are confusing. I think they should be the same all over the state."

Mrs. Jane Smith, 2725 Monterey Street, Strato - Safety Equipment employee: "I am one hundred per cent for these new signals because the old lantern type signal is harder to see than the red lights down on the side of the intersection. People are more cautious of a low signal than the overhead lights."

Kenneth C. Beight, 17109 Elgar St., steel worker: "I think the signals overhead in the center of the streets are as good as these new ones at the side. No matter what kind of lights are put up people will make new excuses for not seeing them and complain just as much to cover their traffic misdoings."

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD ASKS PAY

A recommendation that members of the Civil Service Board be compensated for their services will be considered by the city council at its 5:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday.

Time, transportation, and communications costs of city duty were cited by members of the board according to chairman George Morehart.

### Nearly \$6 Million

## High Month In Building Starts Year

If January building permits are an indication, Torrance is in for a terrific building year according to compilation of nearly complete January figures Friday.

Permits with a total value of \$5,753,011 had been issued by the city's building department by Friday afternoon. This total is nearly 10 times the slightly more than one-half a million dollars worth of permits logged in January 1959—and the 1959 total reached nearly \$30 million by year's end.

LEADING THE parade was permits for homes to be constructed by R. A. Watt at Sepulveda and Crenshaw—more than 150 residences valued at \$2,326,900. To be issued soon are permits for the balance of the tract to be constructed by Don Wilson Builders with a greater total valuation, building department officials report.

Leading the industrial permit parade was a whopping \$1,710,000 permit issued to the Garrett Corp. for the first phase of its new AirResearch facility to be erected on 66 acres at Crenshaw Blvd. and 190th St.

TAKING AN industrial permit for a \$57,000 factory building was John D. Howard. The building will be constructed at 2423 Moreton St.

Other residential permits were headed by permits for 46 homes in the 1900 and 2000 block on 230th St. issued to Walnut Enterprises. Value of the permits was \$749,950.

PERMITS FOR a 24-unit apartment, pool, garages, and a recreation room valued at \$260,000 were issued to J. L. Elkins, for construction at 22311 Ocean Ave.

Cambridge Investment Co. received permits for 10 retail stores and a do-nut shop on the 3900 block of 174th St. valued at \$80,000.

Additional stores in the new Fox Market center in the 20900 block of Hawthorne Ave. will be constructed by C. N. Cake at a cost of \$29,000.

(Continued on Page 2)



GARDEN CENTER OPENED... On hand Friday to open the Southern California Garden Center at the Sears-Torrance store were (top photo from left) Supervisor Burton W. Chace, Mrs. R. O. Young, director of California Garden Clubs, Inc., Mayor Albert Isen, and Sears Manager J. M. Lowe. In the photo below, the evening score representatives of the Torrance, Peninsula and South Bay garden clubs listen as Mrs. Young explains the new facility. (Herald Photos)

## Little League to Press Issue For Park Diamond

Officials of the Southwood Little League said yesterday that they would press their request to use part of Paradise Park at Lee St. and Reynolds Drive to construct a Little League diamond before the city council Tuesday night.

OTHER PERSONS backing the Little League's request at the commission meeting included parents of Little League aged boys: Pat Hogue, president of the Torrance Youth Baseball Council, and Roy Lloyd, district Little League representative.

Hogue pointed out that at least five surrounding cities, including Redondo, Santa Monica, Long Beach, Riverside, and El Segundo allow Little League baseball diamonds on city-owned parks.

Hogue and Virgel also reminded the commission that the ball diamond in Paradise Park would consume only 23 per cent of the total park area, and the field would be available to all people when not in use by the league.

IN REQUESTING the site, the league had asked that it be allowed priority use of the proposed diamond for 10 weeks of the summer months, when league play would be in effect between the hours of 5 and darkness on week days and from 10 a.m. to 5 on week ends.

"We feel that continuance of our program justifies our request," Virgel said. "Up to now not too much interest has been centered on Paradise Park, and the city doesn't have any recreation department-directed programs after 5 p.m.," he added.

THE CITIZENS Committee, spearheaded by Mrs. Robert Ackerman, 5215 Ruby St., countered "Why should any-

League using the Paradise one be asked to pay taxes to support a park... for the benefit of private interests?"

ONE WOMAN then countered that her physically handicapped child was learning "fair play and sportsmanship" (Continued on Page 2)

## Pair Struck Crossing a Busy Street

A 71-year-old woman who recently lost her husband and came to Torrance to be with her daughter was severely injured Friday night when she and her daughter were struck by an auto at an intersection near their Southwood Park home. Mrs. Matilda Plocher, who was walking with her

daughter, Elaine Wyman, 31, of 607 S. Pruitt Drive, Redondo Beach, was struck by an auto driven by John Fishbeck, 62, of 1905 Huntington Lane, Redondo Beach as the women crossed 190th St. at Anza Blvd.

Mrs. Wyman, an employe at Ryan Aeronautical Co. here, was not seriously injured, but her mother was admitted to Torrance Memorial Hospital where her condition remained serious yesterday.

In another accident earlier Friday evening, two persons were injured when cars collided at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds.

Helen Inez Graux, 40, and Pamela Graux, 18, of Rolling Hills, were taken to the Little Company of Mary Hospital after their auto and one driven

by Joseph B. Kuska, 69, of 24201 Walnut Ave., collided. Torrance Fire Department trucks were called to the scene to wash down spilled gasoline.

City Backs School Bid For Surplus

The way was apparently cleared here this week for the Torrance Unified School District to receive 25 acres of surplus property at the Naval Supply Annex near Crenshaw and Sepulveda.

Deciding that it couldn't dig up 50 per cent of the current market value to purchase the land if offered, the city council voted to inform the General Services Administration this week that the city endorsed the efforts of the school district to obtain the property at 100 per cent discount (free).

"The government has declared the property surplus and it has been recommended that the school district should be given the site," Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools told the HERALD Friday.

Only cost to the district apparently will be a security fence between the surplus property and the present site of the Naval Supply Annex.

The council's action in withdrawing the city from any consideration for the property was approved by five members, with Councilman Willys Blount absent and Councilman Robert Jahn opposing.

Kaseno Cleared in Credit Card Caper

Michael Kaseno, 23-year-old Hollywood publicist, has been cleared of implication in operations of a stolen credit card ring he told the HERALD yesterday.

Kaseno, who resides at 2503a Arlington Ave., was booked with seven other suspects last week in a roundup by Beverly Hills police. Kaseno denied any knowledge of the alleged operations.

Msgr. McCarthy Assigned To Nativity Parish Here

Msgr. Thomas J. McCarthy, former editor of The Tidings, official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and recently pastor of Our Lady of Grace parish, Encino, has been assigned to Nativity Church here to succeed Fr. Joseph McArdle who died Jan. 18.

Msgr. McCarthy, who will assume duties here soon, is a native of Worcester, Mass., and a graduate of Holy Cross College and St. Mary's Seminary Baltimore. He was ordained for the Los Angeles archdiocese May 22, 1937, and later earned a doctorate in psychology from Catholic University.

The new Nativity pastor is former chancellor of the Military Ordinariate, the "diocese" of U.S. Military personnel. He left his post at The Tidings in 1949 to become director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference bureau of information. He was named vice chancellor of the Military Ordinariate in 1953 and chancellor two years later.

He returned to Los Angeles three years ago to become administrator of St. Melachy's Church, and was named pastor of the Encino parish in 1958.

Among other assignments announced Friday by His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre was the transfer of Fr. William Lundy from his post as assistant pastor of St.

Margaret Mary, Lomita, to St. Malachy's as pastor. It will be his first pastorate.

Fr. Martin McGovern, assistant pastor of St. James Church, Redondo Beach, was assigned to St. Albert the Great in Compton as administrator.

Fr. Lundy was born in County Sligo, Ireland, and attended St. John's Seminary, Waterford, and was ordained in Waterford in 1938. He was a World War II Army chaplain and for three years was chaplain at Los Angeles County General Hospital.

Fr. McGovern, who moves from Redondo Beach to Compton, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and ordained in 1939.



ALOHA OAHU... Roy Yanase, Torrance high school studentbody president, makes interesting comparison between Honolulu school life and his present activities here on Mainland. Student plans to become a structural engineer. (Herald Photo)